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ranged with the doubtful 50% who have had 3 objectives. First, a more complete US guarantee regarding duration of NATO, etc. Second, a more democratic form of political control over the EDC Commissariat. Third, a close association with the British including stronger understanding RE stationing UK forces on Continent. His Socialists have abandoned expectation of gaining first 2 objectives at this time and would be satisfied if they attain the third. Mollet about 10 days ago conferred with Attlee, Morrison and other Labor as well as Conservative members House of Commons and received assurances from them that were encouraging.

The following is important in above connection. Mollet believes that conversations this subject between British and French at Governmental level will not prove effective, and that British Government should appoint a delegation composed chiefly of Parliamentarians to confer with similar French delegation. In this way French Socialists who are not represented in Government would be brought fully into picture. He thinks that such a conference would speedily bring about agreement without British making unduly substantial further concessions. Following it he would convoke his party Congress and announce Socialist support for EDC. In a separate telegram I will give his estimate of the probable Parliamentary vote if Treaty were submitted now.

I have talked to the above Frenchmen and others including Teitgen about delaying tactics of Jules Moch and Koenig in their capacities as Committee Reporters. If Socialists are won over all feel that present reporters can be replaced and others substituted, or Committees discharged and matter referred directly to Assembly. This would create opportunity for Parliamentary action late June or early July.

2. Tomlinson and I leaving March 11 for Bonn and seeing Adenauer next day. Going Rome Monday to talk De Gasperi, Lombardo and others and probably will visit Holland next week. Nothing to be explored in Belgium during Van Zeeland's absence but will see him in Brussels toward end of month.

3. Personally feel guardedly optimistic EDC will be ratified by 6 Parliaments. The majority of public everywhere recognizes necessity German military contribution and prefers this route to possible reconstitution German national army. Notably in France in spite of lack popular instruction on meaning project the public is in advance of the politicians in wishing ratification.

4. Sentiments in Ad Hoc Parliamentary Assembly extremely encouraging. Here you see zeal, determination, accomodation of secular antagonisms and Europe in the making, leading to conclusion that the tide though slow in rising will finally prove irresistible.

5. It is very important to our relationships with the individuals named in this telegram that its distribution be severely restricted.

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I took the night train to Paris and Tommy and I left about 6:30 on a train with second-class compartments only, which we christened the Rhine Blitz.

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